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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d), Applicants hereby request that the abovereferenced application be made special on the basis that a pre-examination search was made, and the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references found in the search. In support of this petition, the Applicants submit the following:

- (1) A detailed discussion of references found during a pre-examination search, including a statement concerning who conducted the search and the scope of the search;
- (2) One copy of each reference found during the pre-examination search; and
- (3) Please charge \$130.00 Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

The Applicants believe that all of the presently pending claims are directed to a single invention. If, however, the Patent Office determines that all the claims presented Division of Application Serial No. 10/829,183 Statement regarding the pre-examination search dated April 25, 2005

are not obviously directed to a single invention, the Applicants will make an election at that time. Furthermore, the undersigned representative of the Applicants will make such an election over the telephone if the Examiner telephones the undersigned representative of the Applicant.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition to be made special. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees or payments to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

An extra copy of this petition is submitted for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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